

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 232
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A RESOLUTION to congratulate the University of Tennessee's
Head Baseball Coach, Rod Delmonico, upon
attaining his 600th win.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should recognize those coaches who have performed their duties with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm and, through their magnificent accomplishments, have brought honor to this State; and

WHEREAS, in his sixteenth year at the helm of the University of Tennessee (UT) Volunteers, Rod Delmonico is one such estimable coach who has distinguished himself as one of the premier coaches in collegiate baseball history; and

WHEREAS, Coach Delmonico has led the Volunteers to two College World Series, 1995 and 2001, four NCAA Regional Finals, and two Southeastern Conference (SEC) Titles, 1994 and 1995; and

WHEREAS, Coach Delmonico was named the 1993 Tennessee Baseball Coach of the Year, the 1994 SEC Coach of the Year, the 1995 *Baseball America* National Coach of the Year, the 1995 ABCA South Region Coach of the Year, the 1995 Tennessee Baseball Coach of the Year, and the 1995 SEC Coach of the Year; and

WHEREAS, before coming to UT in 1990, Rod Delmonico was an Assistant Coach at Gloucester County College in 1981, Clemson from 1982-1983, and Florida State from 1984-1989; he received his B. A. from Liberty University, where he lettered in baseball and soccer, and his M. A. from Clemson University; and

WHEREAS, Rod Delmonico has coached 27 major league baseball players and over 100 professional baseball players in twenty-two years; he is an established clinician, having held baseball clinics in Italy, Germany, Holland, Croatia, Austria, and across the United States;

he has also authored four books, *Hit and Run Baseball*, *Offensive Drills*, *Defensive Baseball*, and *Defensive Drills*; produced two instructional videos, *Aggressive Baserunning* and *Hitting Fundamentals with Drills*; and published articles in *Scholastic Coach and Collegiate Baseball*; and

WHEREAS, after winning his 600th game, Coach Delmonico is now sixth on the All-Time SEC Coaching Wins List; and

WHEREAS, Coach Delmonico is a mentor and friend who motivates his players to believe in themselves and their teammates every time they take the field; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is especially proud to pause in its deliberations to recognize this esteemed Tennessean for his extraordinary accomplishments; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate Rod Delmonico upon winning his 600th career game as a collegiate baseball coach and extend to him our heartfelt wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation to Coach Delmonico with this final clause omitted from such copy.